

in the Pacific and fight for America. They fought for country and liberty in the face of impossible odds. These sailors, soldiers, and marines represent America's unbeatable determination.

#### REMEMBERING EDWARD "ED" GARVEY

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the life of my friend Edward "Ed" Garvey. Ed spent his lifetime fighting for equality, justice, and fairness for all Wisconsinites and Americans and did so with passion, joy, and a great Irish wit.

Ed was born in 1940 in Burlington, WI, to Edward and June Garvey. His legacy of leadership and service began at a young age. He emerged as a young leader in Wisconsin through Badger Boys State and as student body president at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Ed's lifelong commitment to social justice and racial equality began in college. As a member of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Council, Ed traveled to the South to join the African American civil rights movement. Following 2 years serving our Nation in the Army, Ed attended the University of Wisconsin Law School, graduating in 1969.

Thereafter, Ed joined the Minneapolis law firm Lindquist and Vennum and worked for the newly formed National Football League Players Association—NFLPA. For 12 years, Ed fought for labor rights for NFL players and workers, first as the NFLPA's attorney and eventually as its first executive director. He won greater freedom and economic fairness for the players, securing a fair share of profits for players who at the time needed second jobs to supplement their \$35,000 salaries.

Ed was never shy or deferential. He spoke truth to power and challenged the system anywhere he found an injustice. He loved a good fight, and he took great pleasure in the battles, but he was always respectful and driven by the progressive values that guided him. In moments of the greatest conflict, Ed would often use humor to disarm others while making a point. Even his greatest adversaries appreciated his principled positions and enjoyed his wit and intellect.

After more than a decade with the NFL, Ed returned home and was named Wisconsin Deputy Attorney General, where he took on big polluters and fought for environmental protections. He ran for the Senate twice, and in his bid for Governor in 1998, Ed not only fought for campaign finance reform, he led by example because he has always been deeply committed to changing a system where powerful interests have too much influence over public policy. While Ed came up short in his campaigns, he never gave up his fight for the "little guy" as a respected lawyer and as a leading progressive voice in our State.

Ed understood how important it is to pass on to the next generation our proud, progressive tradition in Wisconsin. He founded "Fighting Bob Fest" to honor the legacy of former progressive Wisconsin Governor and U.S. Senator Robert "Fighting Bob" LaFollette. Each year, Ed brought progressives together from across the country to share this tradition and give people a voice.

Ed's list of accomplishments and successes is long and has one thing common: He was committed to something bigger than he was. If you asked him, he would say his greatest accomplishment was his family. He spent more than five wonderful decades filled with adventures with his wife, Betty, and their three daughters, Pam, Kathleen, and Lizzy. In recent years, his four grandchildren were his greatest joy. I know that their wonderful memories of him will stay with them always.

I feel so privileged to have known and worked with Ed since my early years in public service. Ed lived his life and pursued his work with persistence and purpose. He loved Wisconsin and stood up for people from different walks of life because he wanted to make a difference in people's lives.

Perhaps most important, Ed inspired generations of young people to enter politics and law, to engage in our democracy, to let their voices be heard, and to never be intimidated by those of wealth, power, and privilege. I am a better person for having fought with him in support of a more progressive Wisconsin, and I am honored to work to continue his important legacy. "Forward!"

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO CHARLES EDWARD GRAY

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize 17-year-old Charles Edward Gray for his service to his community. Charles is a member of the Montana Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 214, out of Helena, MT.

On November 16, 2016, Charles was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout at his Eagle board review. Charles' Eagle Scout Service Project involved the planning, building, and installation of three wheelchair ramps at the YMCA Camp Child where children and families grow, learn new skills, and have fun in Montana's outdoors. He made the ramps out of treated lumber and composite planks and installed them at the camp's main lodge and in the girls' and boys' respective shower houses. The installation of these ramps will provide access to those with disabilities for many years to come, making Camp Child a more inclusive place.

Charles is a shining example of what it means to be a local servant leader and is using his skills to better his own community. Charles, thank you for ris-

ing to the challenge of serving Montana. I look forward to seeing what great things await your future.●

##### TRIBUTE TO TY LANTIS

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, this week, I have the distinct honor of recognizing Ty Lantis, a distinguished Montana craftsman with deep roots along the Yellowstone Valley. Ty grew up not too far from where the Powder River joins the Yellowstone River. During his adolescent years, Ty's family operated a saw mill south of Terry. He grew up building barns, garages, sheds, and many other structures. It is no surprise that Ty learned to make good use of his own talents and Montana's abundance of trees in order to become a successful homebuilder.

Shortly after graduating from Terry High School in Prairie County, Ty moved west along the Yellowstone Valley and started building homes in the Billings area. He helped build his first home when he was 19 years old. After a few more years of honing his craft, Ty teamed up with Greg Schmidt, and they launched their own company in 2003. Ty's Montana work ethic helped him to discover, develop, and deploy his talents in a way that literally helped to build a better community. In recent years, his company's craftsmanship has been honored in the Billings Parade of Homes, selected as the "Builder of the Year" in Billings, and recognized by the Yellowstone Valley People's Choice Award for homebuilding. In 2013, Ty's company built the house for the St. Jude Dream Home Giveaway, with the proceeds of this effort going to benefit children's medical research. The following year Ty served as the president of the Home Builders Association in Billings.

Despite the positive recognition from the community and from others in his industry, Ty remains a humble man who doesn't seek the attention that comes with a job well done. Ty prefers to go about his business and do quality work, but ultimately the quality of Ty's work speaks for itself. Today is my chance to say a simple thank you to Ty for the work he has done and will continue to do to build a Montana that is a treasure to all of us.●

##### TRIBUTE TO KIMBERLY LAWSON

• Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to a dear friend and tireless champion of justice for working people, Kimberly Lawson. Kim's dedication to workers and their families spanned more than 30 years.

A proud daughter of northwest Indiana—Gary—and the industrial working class, Kim grew up witnessing firsthand the destruction of the industrial Midwest as corporate greed destroyed the steel industry and manufacturing jobs and decimated good-paying union jobs that built the middle class. Daughter of a union factory worker, Kim attended Purdue University, where she met the love of her life, Will Kohr.

Upon graduation, Kim began her long career in the labor movement, moving to California in 1986 to work as a journalist and an organizer with Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers Union, UFW.

Kim and Will moved to Upper Jay, NY, where their daughter Emma was born and raised. Six, often seven days a week, Kim, an International Representative for the fiercely independent and democratic United Radio, Electrical and Machine Workers of America, UE, would drive hours in every direction from her family's cabin in Upper Jay, NY, to help workers, often against great odds, form their own unions and bargain contracts.

For two decades, Kim has done the hardest and some of the most important work anyone can do. Because of her, thousands of people have gained the courage to stand up and speak for themselves and for what is right. Because of her, many, many thousands of people, in Vermont and across the country, live measurably better lives.

Kim Lawson led the effort to successfully organize workers at workplaces in Vermont, including U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Counseling Services of Addison County, Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity, NHVAC, Berlin Health and Rehabilitation Center, Hunger Mountain Co-op, City Market Co-op, Northeast Kingdom Community Action, and the University of Vermont; and in New Hampshire, Grafton County New Hampshire Nursing Home and Public Employees, and the National Visa Center; and in New York, Adirondack Community Action Program. At a time when the wages and living standards of most people were under attack, Kim helped people organize collectively for a better life.

Kim was also a founder of the Vermont Workers Center and for years staffed the Workers Rights Hotline which, free of charge, has helped many thousands of workers learn and protect their rights under the law. She has trained, mentored, and led countless young organizers and workers who, inspired by her quiet, steadfast and relentless example, carry on her pursuit of justice.

In whatever task she set for herself, Kim worked with her whole heart and a deep sense of solidarity for her fellow humanity. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Kimberly Lawson for her tireless work on behalf of our communities and citizens.●

#### TRIBUTE TO ROBERT "BOB" G. SMITH

● Mr. SCOTT. Mr. President, I would like to congratulate and honor Robert "Bob" G. Smith, CEO of Goodwill Industries of Lower South Carolina—GWILSC—for 35 years of serving our great State.

Bob's dedication and passion has been a true testament to GWILSC's mission to "helping people reach their full potential through the dignity and

power of work." He has inspired and instilled confidence by promoting essential job training programs that have encouraged individuals to meet their goals.

His service has touched many people all over the South Carolina community, and his initiative to orchestrate a collaborative environment has helped to expand services that has transformed lives.

For more than three decades, Bob has worked tirelessly to serve others, and his contributions will continue to live on in the generations of South Carolinians he has been able to positively impact, and we are grateful for everything Bob has done to assist our communities. Therefore, I would like to recognize Robert "Bob" G. Smith for epitomizing the very best of the Palmetto State.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:22 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 998. An act to provide for the establishment of a process for the review of rules and sets of rules, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 83. Joint resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to "Clarification of Employer's Continuing Obligation to Make and Maintain an Accurate Record of Each Recordable Injury and Illness".

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6913, and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Mr. WALZ of Minnesota and Ms. KAPTUR of Ohio.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group: Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Ms. SLAUGHTER of New York, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, and Mr. DEFazio of Oregon.

The message also announced that pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2702, the Minority Leader reappoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Mr. John A. Lawrence of Washington, DC.

At 4:00 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1004. An act to amend chapter 3 of title 5, United States Code, to require the publication of information relating to pending agency regulatory actions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1009. An act to amend title 44, United States Code, to require the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs to review regulations, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 998. An act to provide for the establishment of a process for the review of rules and sets of rules, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1004. An act to amend chapter 3 of title 5, United States Code, to require the publication of information relating to pending agency regulatory actions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1009. An act to amend title 44, United States Code, to require the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs to review regulations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and was referred as indicated:

EC-925. A communication from the Acting Commissioner of Social Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the awarding of a sole-source contract to obtain wage information from payroll data providers for the Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance programs; to the Committee on Finance.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. HATCH for the Committee on Finance.

\*Seema Verma, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. BURR):

S. 489. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to participant votes on the suspension of benefits under multiemployer plans in critical and declining status; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 490. A bill to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction